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[To accompany S. 2408]

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to which was referred the bill (S. 2408) to transfer the Coast Guard cutter *Ingham* to the Naval and Maritime Museum at Patriots Point, South Carolina, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

S. 2408 would transfer the decommissioned Coast Guard cutter, *Ingham*, to the Naval and Maritime Museum at Patriots Point, South Carolina for display.

BACKGROUND

Prior to its decommissioning, the *Ingham* was the Coast Guard's last operating Secretary-class 327-foot cutter. The vessel, one of the first four Secretary-class cutters, was built in the Philadelphia Navy yard starting on May 1, 1935. Two additional cutters were built in New York and one in Charleston. The *Ingham* was commissioned on September 17, 1936, and saw action in World War II. The vessel was credited with sinking U-626 on December 15, 1942, and was involved in numerous rescue missions during the war.

More recently, the *Ingham* was used for law enforcement and Haitian migrant interdiction missions. It was decommissioned in Portsmouth, Virginia, on May 27, 1988. At that time, the vessel was towed to New York for temporary storage, where it remains today. If the *Ingham* is not preserved in a museum, the Maritime Administration will dispose of the vessel as surplus property.

The Naval and Maritime Museum at Patriots Point is one of the largest tourist attractions in South Carolina. The museum, which is a state agency, is supported entirely by fees generated through its operations. Currently, four ships are displayed at Patriots Point: the U.S.S. *Yorktown,* an aircraft carrier; the U.S.S. *Laffey,* a destroyer; the U.S.S. *Clamagore,* a submarine; and the NS *Savannah,* a nuclear merchant ship. The Committee understands that the addition of the Coast Guard vessel, *Ingham,* to the museum, would enhance the historical and educational values of the museum's displays.

Other legislation affecting the final disposition of the *Ingham* is also under consideration. A provision in the House Transportation Appropriations bill, H.R. 4794, would transfer the *Ingham* to the *Intrepid* Sea-Air-Space Museum in New York. The Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee struck the provision during the bill's consideration, and therefore, the Senate-passed bill included no such provision. At the recent conclusion of the Transportation Appropriations conference, the conferees were in true disagreement over the *Ingham* provision in the House-passed bill.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Senators Thurmond and Hollings introduced S. 2408 on May 18, 1988. The bill was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. On August 9, the full Committee and the National Ocean Policy Study held a hearing to review fully the disposition of the *Ingham.* Representatives from the Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum, the *Intrepid* Sea-Air-Space Museum, the *Ingham* Association, and the Destroyer Escort Sailors Association provided testimony. The Destroyer Escort Sailors Association strongly supported moving the *Ingham* to Patriots Point. The *Ingham* Association stated that in an unofficial poll, 61 of the 68 members contacted believed that Patriots Point was the most appropriate site for the *Ingham.* On September 20, 1988, in open Executive Session, the Committee ordered S. 2408 reported without objection and without amendment.

ESTIMATED COSTS

In accordance with paragraph 11(a) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee provides the following cost estimate, prepared by the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 22, 1988.

Hon. ERNEST F. HOLLINGS,
Chairman, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed S. 2408, a bill to transfer the Coast Guard cutter *Ingham* to the Naval and Maritime Museum at Patriots Point, South Carolina, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, September 20, 1988. Enactment of S.

2408 is not expected to result in any cost to the federal government, or to state or local governments.

S. 2408 would direct the Secretary of Transportation to convey the *Ingham* to the Naval and Maritime Museum upon or after its decommissioning.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Deborah Reis, who can be reached at 226–2860.

Sincerely,

JAMES L. BLUM,
Acting Director.

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

In accordance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee provides the following evaluation of the regulatory impact of the legislation, as reported:

S. 2408, as reported, transfers a decommissioned Coast Guard vessel to a state museum and thus, will result in no new regulatory burdens. It will result in no additional regulations and will therefore have no further effect on the number or type of individuals and businesses regulated, the economic impact of such regulation, the personal privacy of affected individuals, or the paperwork required from such individuals and businesses.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

There is only one section of the bill. It would transfer the cutter, along with any equipment the Secretary of Transportation considers appropriate, to the Patriots Point Museum in South Carolina.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee states that the bill as reported would make no change to existing law.

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